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Candidates for the Board of Directors

by the MCIA Office

Each year, Meyerland residents elect Directors to represent them on the MCIA Board. Each Director serves a 2-year term. Some Sections have two seats available due to a prior vacancy; in those situations, the second seat would be 1-year term. Where there are two seats available, the top two vote recipients will fill the vacant seats.

(THIS IS NOT A BALLOT)

Section 1: (1 seat open) Bill Goforth*
Section 2: (2 seats open) Emilio Hisse*, Jim Walters
Section 3: (2 seats open) - no candidates yet
Section 4: no seat is open in the 2017-18 election cycle
Section 5: (2 seats open) - no candidates yet
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At the time of this publication, we have received notice that these residents will run for a seat in their section. Write-in candidates must be received by the office at office@meyerland.net no later than Wednesday, March 22, 2:00 p.m. CST. If you are interested in running as a write-in candidate, submit your full name, property address, telephone number, and email address. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

WATCH FOR YOUR BALLOT IN THE MAILBOX.

On The Cover

The featured house this month is the stately home at 5023 Heatherglen in Section 8 North.



Save the Date Annual Meeting

**SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017**

7:00 P.M.

LOVETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Every year the Meyerland Community Improvement Association meets with its membership for a "State of the Union" address. Mayor Sylvester Turner is our special guest speaker and will speak about key issues facing Meyerland today and in the future. Residents will learn about the activities of the Board over the past year and hear the direction for the new year to come. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to cast your ballot for the new directors before the meeting starts. Besides learning more about

our local issues, the meeting is a great opportunity to socialize with your neighbors and enjoy tasty refreshments. Be on the lookout for the ballot which will arrive in mailboxes in early March.



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New Fee Policy

By the MCIA Office

This following fee policy was approved by the MCIA Board of Directors on February 13, 2017. This policy becomes effective May 1st and supersedes any prior policy or part of a prior policy that relates to the same matter.

1. Interest Fees for Delinquent Accounts. Maintenance fees assessed per annum (in DRs) - 10% per annum of delinquent
2. Title Transfer Fee - \$200
3. Refinance Fee - \$100
4. Resale Certificate Fee - \$250
5. New Construction Fee - \$1,000
Limited to construction of a new residence
6. Major Renovation Fee - \$500
Generally includes - major addition/change to a major structure, including but not limited to, addition to house/garage, garage conversion, &/or swimming pool. Shall not include routine maintenance, including new doors, windows, fence, driveway, or roof.
7. Document Duplication Fee - As allowable by law
8. Recovery Fee (Letter for past due Assessments) - \$25
9. Property Code or Deed Restriction Violation Notification Fee - \$50 This fee is limited to those letters commonly known as "209 letters". This fee shall not apply to initial or follow up violation notices prior to a "209" letter.
10. Forced Yard Maintenance Fee - Greater of actual costs or \$85 (minimum)
11. Legal Fees - Reasonable and necessary Attorney and Legal Fees
12. Returned Check Fee - \$25

Project Braes Update

Submitted by Charles Goforth

In preparation for the Project Brays excavation, Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) will be taking steps to preserve 25 trees via transplant. The trees to be transplanted are currently located on the southern side of Brays Bayou between 610 and S. Rice. Ten trees will be relocated in the same vicinity, but safely out of the excavation zone. The other 15 trees will be transported to the north side and replanted between S. Rice and Chimney Rock. The contractor anticipates commencing relatively soon while the weather is conducive for transplanting and completing the job by the end of February, weather permitting. During the course of work there may be a disruption to the normal Hike and Bike Trail access between S. Rice and Chimney Rock.

HCFCD is planning on awarding the next channel construction project which will be from Buffalo Speedway to South Rice in the near future. Construction should commence late second quarter (2017) and will start on the downstream end first, progressing upstream to S. Rice. Due to the required retaining wall structures, work around the bridges may happen before the actual channel excavation occurs.

Rodeo Time

by Joyce Young

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will be held at NRG Park March 7 – 26. The annual Go Texan Day & Roundup will be held at City Hall on March 3 at noon. Festivities will include Mayor Sylvester Turner's proclamation of Go Texan Day. The Rodeo choir will perform and free food and drink will be provided.

The World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest will take place March 2 - 4 where more than 250 teams will compete. Most team tents are invitation-only, but visitors can enjoy several public venues, including The Garden, Rockin' Bar-B-Que Saloon and the Chuck Wagon. In addition to live music, the carnival will be open for fun rides and games.

The ConocoPhillips Rodeo Run will be held on March 4. Last year more than 10,000 people participated in the run. All proceeds go toward the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Educational Fund. ConocoPhillips has contributed approximately \$4.8 million to the Show since 1988. The rodeo parade begins shortly after the the runners take off in downtown Houston and the streets are filled with decorative floats and thousands of men and women on horseback along with marching bands.

Let's not forget the actual livestock show. Since its beginning in 1932 as the Houston Fat Stock Show, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has grown to more than 30,000 entries. The Houston Livestock Show is organized by three categories of competitions: Junior Show, Open Show and Youth Show. The Show is the largest livestock show that has set records at the junior market show auctions. Last year the junior auctions, including school artwork, totaled a record \$12,350,133. The Show has committed more than \$430 million to scholarships, research, endowments, calf scramble participants, junior show exhibitors, school art participants and other educational youth programs.

The actual rodeo is comprised of two different competitions: the Super Series and the Super Shootout. Both competitions total a \$2.17 million payout with more than 340 contestants and an average of 1.37 million fans. The Super Series will take place over 19 days with over 300 athletes participating in seven events. The Super Shootout is a one day event with 8 teams, 40 athletes and five events.

And to round out the 20 days of festivities, a concert is held each day with world renowned artists. The city of Houston comes alive during this time and provides something for everyone. So, it's time once again to dust off the cowboy boots, get out the Stetson and enjoy the Houston rodeo knowing that your ticket purchase is going toward a great educational cause.

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March is Tree Waste Collection Month
Wednesday, March 8

Trash/Recycling Schedule

March, 2017						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 T/R	8 Tree!	9	10	11
12	13	14 Trash	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 T/R	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Trash	29	30	31	

April, 2017						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
						1
2	3	4 T/R	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Trash	12 Junk!	13	14	15
16	17	18 T/R	19	20	21	22
23 30	24	25 Trash	26	27	28	29

MCIA Deed Restriction Rules: Weekly - Put garbage and recycling containers, as well as yard trimmings, etc., on the curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening before pickup. Remove containers no later than 10 p.m. on trash pickup day. Monthly - Put heavy junk/tree waste at the curb no earlier than Friday 6 p.m. before the 2nd Wednesday heavy junk/tree waste collection.

Levitt Pavilion Houston

by Howard Sacks and Gerda Gomez

In December, 2016, Houston City Council and Harris County Commissioner's Court unanimously approved an agreement for building Levitt Pavilion Houston at the Willow Waterhole Greenway. The Levitt Foundation exists to strengthen the social fabric of America. They empower communities to transform neglected outdoor spaces into welcoming destinations where the power of free, live music brings people together and invigorates community life. There are currently six publicly owned Levitt Pavilion venues nationwide. Arlington, Texas is the closest location.

Each Levitt Pavilion shares the common goal of "building community through music". This is done by presenting fifty free concerts, featuring a diverse professional lineup of entertainment from acclaimed, emerging talent, to seasoned award-winning artists. Levitt Pavilion Houston will also be available for other groups such as the magnet music and arts programs at Parker Elementary and Meyerland Performing and Visual Arts Middle School.

Levitt Pavilion Houston will be built on South Post Oak, 1.3 miles south of Loop 610, on the west side of South Post Oak between South Willow and Gasmer. Using detention pond excavation, a bowl for performance is sculpted, creating a stage at the water's edge and a hill to mute traffic noise. The 120,000 square foot space will provide seating for 5,000 attendees in an open lawn setting. Two hundred on-site parking spaces are proposed and shuttle buses, available from a variety of sites, will be utilized. Levitt Pavilion Houston's target opening is Spring, 2020. A \$7.5 million capital fundraising campaign is being planned for this endeavor.

For additional information, contact Howard Sacks, Chairman, Friends of Levitt Pavilion Houston, 281-687-1334.



Executive Director of HCFCD to Speak about Flooding *By the MCIA Office*

Russell "Russ" Poppe is the Executive Director of the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD). He will be speaking at the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center, 5601 South Braeswood on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the invitation of Citizen Solutions for Houston Flooding.

HCFCD has as its mission countywide flood reduction plans, implementing those plans, and maintaining flood control infrastructure. Project Brays is one of the HCFCD projects. It is charged with the widening of the entire length of Brays Bayou and changing or rebuilding the 32 bridges over Brays Bayou.

Russ Poppe graduated from Texas A&M University in 1999 with a civil engineering degree and successfully practiced engineering in the private industry before joining the Harris County Architecture and Engineering Department in September 2005. Since then he has held various leadership positions within Harris County and HCFCD and has gained unique skills and a solid track record in effective public projects.

His presentation will provide an opportunity to learn about the overall goals and current projects of HCFCD, the widening of Brays Bayou and its impact on the Meyerland area, and any plans for detention areas to reduce Meyerland flooding.



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Lovett Elementary Nationally Recognized For Excellence

By Devin C. McNulty

Lovett Elementary School's blistering ascent into the upper echelon of primary schools culminated on February 6, 2017 with an awards ceremony celebrating its National Blue Ribbon designation in front of students, faculty, former staff, parents, members of the press and the reigning NFL Man of the Year.

Lovett, one of only two schools in Houston to receive the award, achieved this recognition after its nomination by the Texas Education Agency, a 20-page application and a 259-day vetting process. Several Lovett administrators traveled to Washington, D.C., to formally receive the award from the U.S. Department of Education and then returned to Houston to celebrate with the Lovett community.

Blue Ribbon Award designations track student achievement across several years, requiring cumulative excellence throughout the term. Lovett obtained the award on the strength of its student achievement, rigorous instruction, leadership, its 5-star arts program and PTO and parental involvement.

Lovett serves as a magnet school and draws top students from throughout Houston. It specializes in fine arts and possesses a renowned, award-winning musical program that includes orchestra, band and choir. Music, considered by cognition experts as a catalyst for all critical areas of development including intellectual, language and overall literacy, contributed heavily to Lovett's upward trajectory among national schools.

At the award ceremony, the entire school assembled dressed in shirts with the Blue Ribbon seal emblazoned across the front, creating a sea of azure across the floor of the auditorium. Lovett's principal, Dawn Thompson, walked those gathered through the process of achieving Blue Ribbon status and provided context for the award. Towards the end of her remarks, she broke down and said, "There isn't a day that I come to work that I'm not proud of you... Thank you for being who you are." Two former principals at Lovett also spoke, exhorting students to continue their hard work.

The Lovett PTO president, Michelle Comstock, credits a measure of the school's success with its high level of parental involvement, "There are so many motivated parents at Lovett. We show great interest in our children's curriculum and are enthusiastic to give back to this wonderful school. It's great to see Lovett receive the outside recognition for excellence that Lovett parents have come to expect."



The Lovett Choir then performed a customized rendition of "New York, New York" but changed the lyrics to reflect Lovett's triumph on a national platform.

The award ceremony's keynote speaker, the 2016 NFL Man of the Year, Anquan Boldin, cautioned students not to relax in their achievement and compared the faculty to a coaching staff: "The principal is your head coach, the faculty and staff are the assistant coaches. Coaches see things in you that you don't see in yourself. They want what's best for you. Get a little better each day. Make your weak points into your strong points."

Concluding with raucous cheering, the blue-clad students poured out of the auditorium and pinned up blue ribbons to the fences surrounding the school.



Mothers and Sons of Lovett Get their Glow On!

By Pauline Mathiesen

Smiling, laughing, dancing...glowing! That was the scene of about 200 mothers and sons from Lovett Elementary at the Mother-Son Dance!

January 27th, 2017, marked the 2nd Annual Mother Son Dance hosted by Lovett Elementary. It was the great idea of a couple of moms to bring this dance to Lovett. "I had been to a friend's Mother-Son dance, the night before a class birthday party", explained Rebecca Gomez, one of the dance co-chairs. "I told some of the other moms about the fun time I had. We all agreed that it would be great to have a mother-son dance at the school...and just like that, we had Amy Steen, the other dance co-chair, and a few other enthusiastic moms of boys on board!" The idea was approved, and soon the first dance, themed "Denim and Diamonds", was underway. It was originally meant to simply be a community event, but in addition to being a fun night, the dance was able to raise some money for the school.

This year's event was themed "Get Your Glow On!" It called upon moms and sons to have fun dressing in bright colors and glow in

the dark anything. Some couples got creative painting shirts in glow paint, while others scoped the internet to find cool light up and glow in the dark accessories. There were even moms dolled up in glow in the dark makeup! "It is so fun seeing everyone get into it and really get creative and dressed up" explained one of the moms. "The ladies put on a great night!" Included in this exciting night was a DJ, professional photographer, a selfie station, snacks and some really cool raffle prizes!

The ladies on the dance committee all agree that they had fun putting the event together and getting to know some wonderful moms while doing so. They wanted to extend a special thank you to the husbands, daughters and mothers of girls who volunteered during the night so that they could have a special night with their boys.

It's nice to know that alongside the Father-Daughter dances available in the community, the Lovett moms can have a special date with their boys. The bottom line...moms will do anything to dance with their little guys!



FREE CONCERTS AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Thursday, March 2 | 12:15–1 pm

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Thursday, March 9 | 12:15–1 pm

Madeline Slettedahl, piano and Ben Lowe, baritone

St. Paul's is the Houston stop on a national tour of the winners of the prestigious 2016 Marilyn Horne Song Competition at Music Academy of the West, Santa Barbara, CA

Thursday, March 16 | 12:15–1 pm

Houston Grand Opera Studio Artists in recital

Mane Galoyan, soprano; Sol Jin, baritone; and Kirill Kuzmin, piano

Thursday, March 23 | 12:15–1 pm

Da Camera of Houston Young Artists, program

A lighthearted concert featuring music of Mozart, Shostakovich and Beethoven. Performers include Amanda Galick, flute; Ling Ling Huang, violin; Sonya Matoussova, cello; and William Shaub, violin. Presented in partnership with Houston Methodist Hospital.

Thursday, March 30 | 7–8 pm

Da Camera of Houston Young Artists, program II

Lyrical masterworks from the Baroque Era and beyond, including compositions from Vivaldi and Pergolesi, to Rachmaninov. Performers include Bethany Baxter, soprano; Kyle Comer, classical guitar; Callie Denbigh, mezzo-soprano; Wesley Ducote, piano; Amanda Galick, flute; Ingrid Hunter, violin; Sonya Matoussova, cello; Ben Roidl-Ward, bassoon; and William Shaub, violin. Presented in partnership with Houston Methodist Hospital.

Thursday, April 6 | 7–8 pm

KINETIC string orchestra

Formed in 2015, KINETIC, a conductorless string ensemble, is quickly making strides, attracting new audiences to the highest caliber of live music making.

St. Paul's is located at 5501 Main Street, at Binz/Bissonnet. Free parking available on Binz, between San Jacinto and Fannin streets.



Smile, your house is on the cover!

By Pauline Mathiesen

About the second week of each month, a member of MCIA's Publication Committee goes on a mission to take a photo of that perfect house to grace the front cover of the Meyerlander Monthly newsletter. We seek well-maintained homes with great landscaping, and we try to alternate between different architectural styles. So that no one gets jealous, we try to rotate houses from different Sections. We don't take photos of homes on our "opt-out" list or homes for sale. The whole process requires a lot more work and discussion than a general reader might expect.

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- Degreed designers
- escorted nursery visits
- extensive maintenance knowledge
- we do woodcrafts, hardscapes & irrigation work

Quarterly Care

- our most popular service
- many service add-on options
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- outstanding results
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- 3 Lawn Care plans
- balanced billing plans
- online ordering
- accept all major credit cards
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Other Services Offered:

Quarterly Turf Care

Turf Installation & Rejuvenation

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Our Mission is to put 5% back into the communities we serve:

Nature Discovery Center-Boy Scouts of America-West University Little League and Softball
Willow Meadows HOA-Westbury Little League-St.Thomas More Parish School-Parker Elementary
McNamara Elementary-West University Elementary-Bellaire High School-Kolter Elementary
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Why Aeration?

- * Stimulates root growth
- * Enhances water uptake
- * Reduces compaction
- * Improves oxygen content
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Why Aeration?

Aeration is a process of penetrating a surface in order to create a permeated surface in order for air or rather, oxygen, to enter. Oxygen is critical for the ability of roots to uptake nutrients. Core aeration where plugs are actually removed, also allows creates areas where roots will have the ability to grow in when sod is trying to grow through our compacted gumbo soil.

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